

Watersheds

By providing financial and technical assistance for local watershed projects, CALFED aims to support projects that reduce water quality problems, restore and protect habitats, and improve water supply reliability.

The program also seeks to foster local leadership by encouraging landowners, community members, environmental organizations and local public agencies to come together on watershed projects.

Goals:

- To assist local programs that help achieve CALFED's objectives.
- To promote integration and collaboration of watershed programs.

Accomplishments:

- Developed 2001 grant program for locally based watershed projects. Program will fund over 50 projects at a cost of around \$19 million.
- Developed initial strategy to guide program through first three years.
- Formed Interagency Watershed Advisory Team to provide assistance to local watershed groups.
- Provided funding in coordination with the Ecosystem Restoration Program to support projects in more than 50 watersheds.
- Developed a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure better coordination between state and federal watershed programs.

Public and Peer Review:

- All projects reviewed by Watershed Selection Committee that includes 17 representatives from member agencies.
- Additional review provided by Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Watershed Work Group.

Performance and Tracking

Performance measures for the Watershed Program may include: total number of watershed assessments completed or supported through the Program; total number of new watershed programs formed or supported by the Program; number of workshops and training sessions supported by CALFED for local and tribal governments; and improved performance of watersheds, as measured by level, timing and variability of flows.